

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 30-58 are pending. Claim 52 has been revised, and new Claim 59 has been added.

Restriction Requirement

A restriction is being required under 35 U.S.C. § 112 between:

- (i) Claims 30-51, which are said to be drawn to a bearing for supporting a spiral conveyor, classified in Class 198, subclass 779; and
- (i) Claims 52-58, said to be drawn to a bearing, classified in Class 384, subclass 44.

Claim 52 has been revised to specify a bearing element for a supporting installation for supporting a number of turns, extending helically one upon the other in a stack, of an at least partially self-supporting conveyor belt. Accordingly, applicants submit that Claims 52-58 are now drawn to subject matter similar to Claims 30-51. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that a Restriction Requirement is no longer required.

New Claim 59

New Claim 59 consists of that portion of Claim 52 that has been canceled from Claim 52. As such, Claim 59 depends from Claim 52.

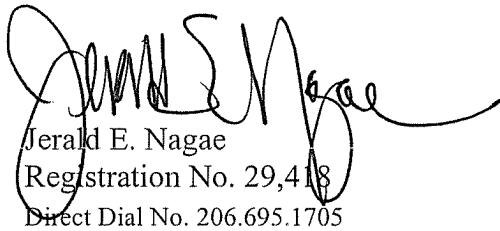
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Closure

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the foregoing, he is requested to telephone the undersigned at 206-695-1705.

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